

Restoring the South Florida Ecosystem

Coordinating and Tracking Success

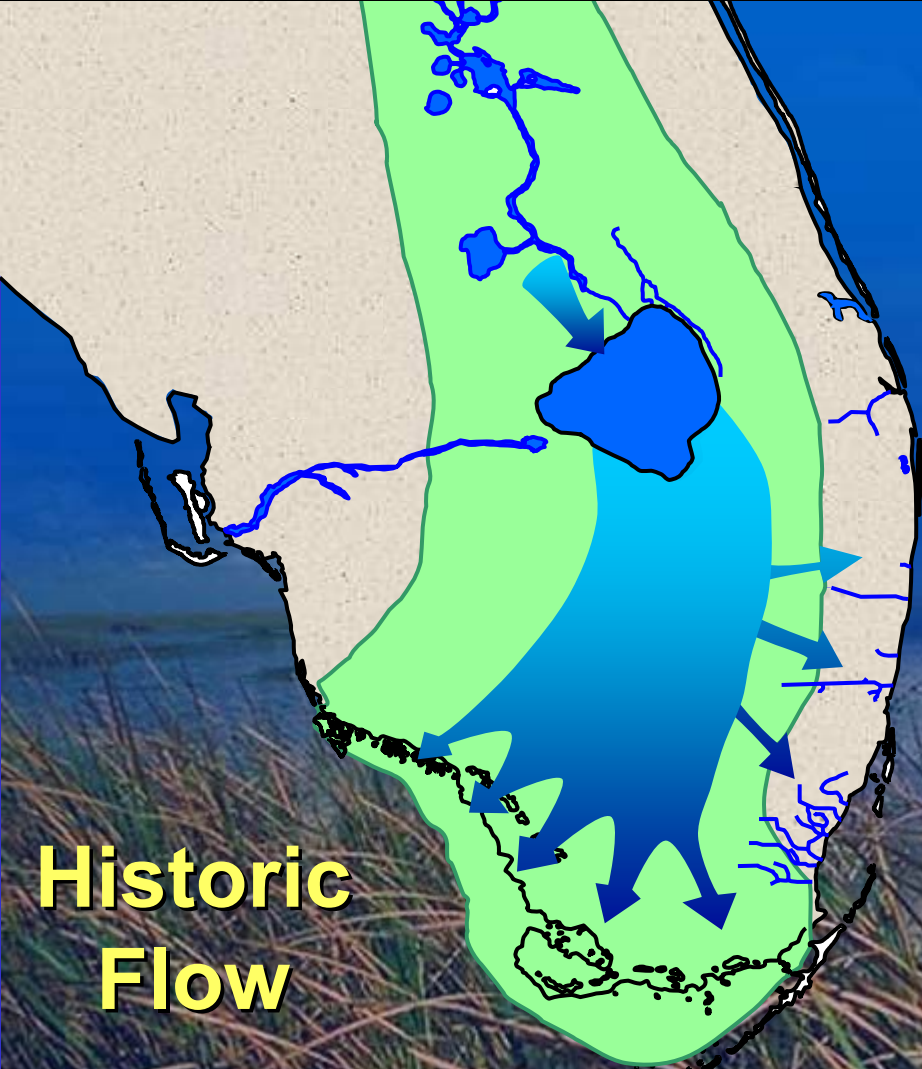
*South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
1996 - 2005*

Coordinating the Partnerships

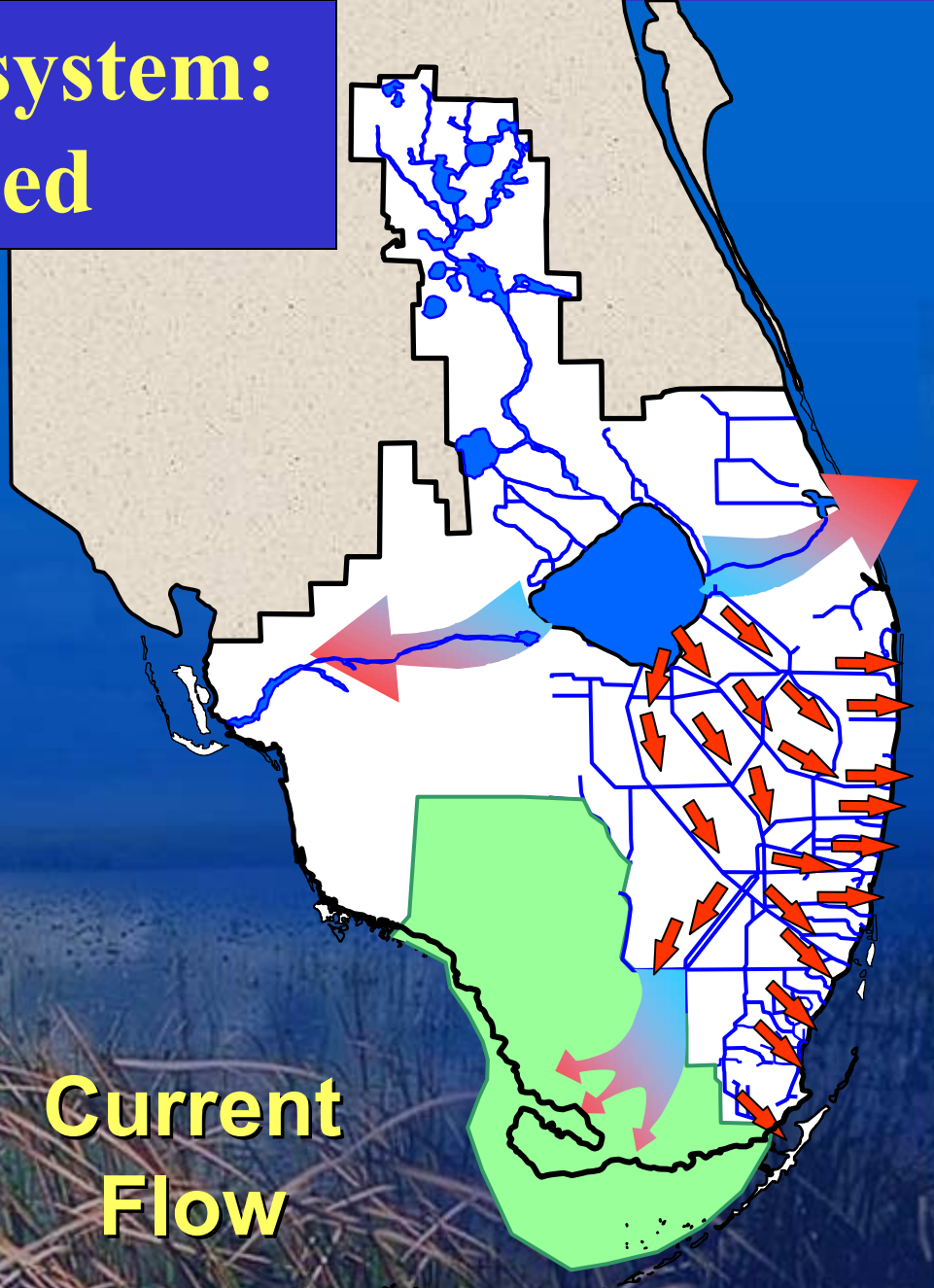
Topics

- **Background and Overview of ecosystem**
- **Task Force – Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Partners**
- **Strategy – 3 Goals**
- **County Specific Information**

Impacts of a changed system: natural to managed

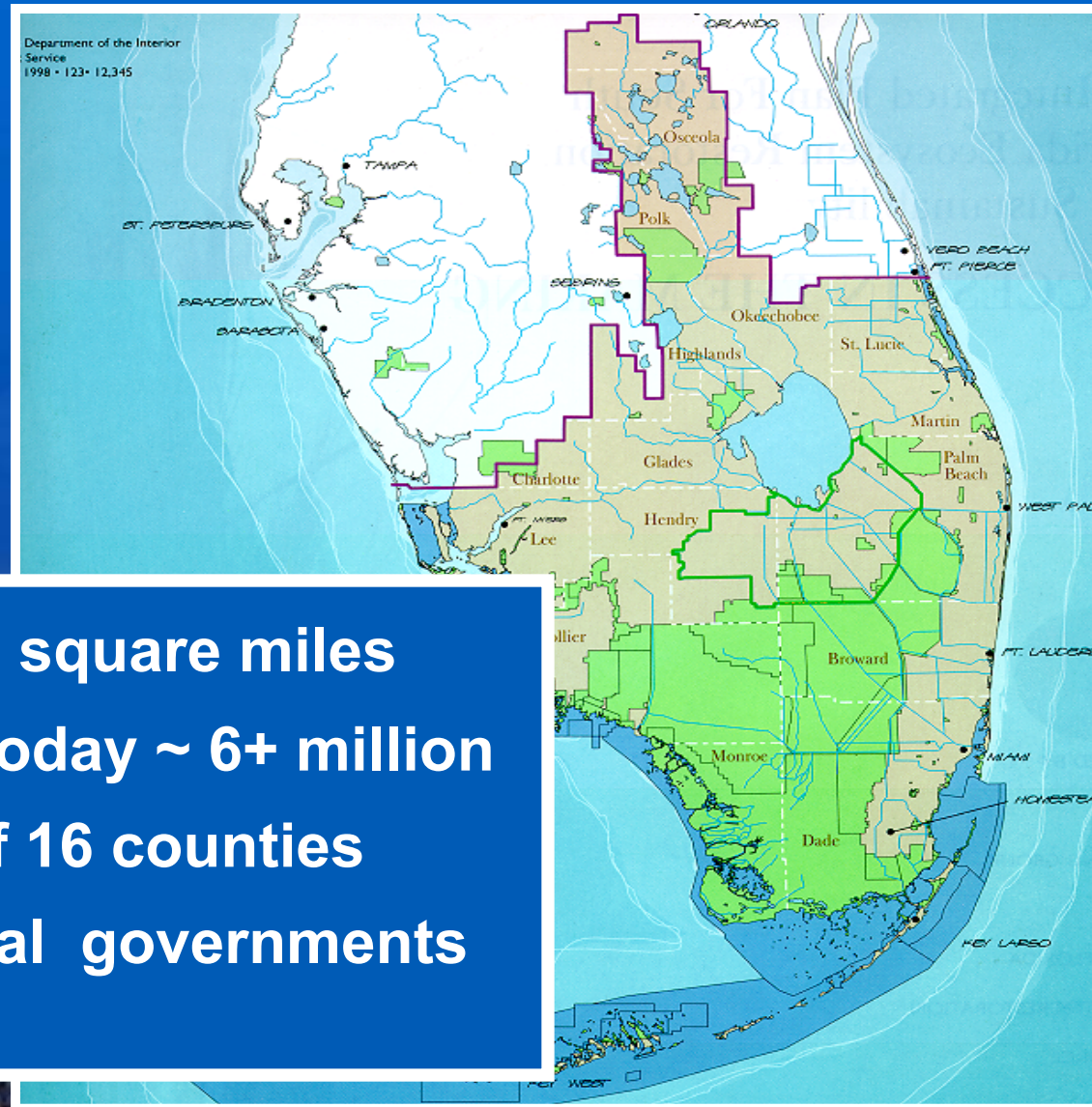


**Historic
Flow**



**Current
Flow**

South Florida Ecosystem



- Area - 18,000 square miles
- Population today ~ 6+ million
- All or Part of 16 counties
- 139 municipal governments

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

Congress created the Task Force in 1996

Duties:

- **Coordinate consistent policies, projects and research**
- **Exchange information**
- **Facilitate conflict resolution**
- **Assist members**

Members:

- **2 local governments,**
- **5 state agencies,**
- **2 Indian Tribes,**
- **7 Federal agencies**

Florida-based Working Group and Science Coordination Group

- Facilitate inter-governmental coordination and reporting
 - strategy restoration and biennial report on progress
 - Land acquisition strategy
- Coordinate science and research
- Provide assistance and support for restoration activities
- Provide a regular forum for coordination and information sharing

Task Force Strategy for Restoration

Three Broad Restoration Goals

Goal 1 *Get the Water Right*

Goal 2 *Restore, Preserve,
and Protect Natural
Habitats and Species*

Goal 3 *Foster Compatibility
of the Built and Natural
System*



Goal 1

Getting the Water Right

- *Get the Hydrology Right*
 - Provide 1.3 Million acre-feet of surface water storage by 2036
 - Develop ASR systems capable of storing 1.6 billion gallons per day by 2028
- *Get the Water Quality Right*
 - Construct 69,000 acres of stormwater treatment areas by 2035
 - Modify 335 miles of impediments to flow by 2019



Goal 2

Restore, Preserve, and Protect Natural Habitats and Species

- *Restore, Preserve, and Protect Natural Habitats*
 - Complete Acquisition of 5.8 million acres of land identified for habitat protection by 2015
 - Protect 20% of Coral Reefs by 2010
 - Improve habitat quality for 2.4 million acres of natural areas in South Florida
- *Control Invasive Exotic Plants*



Goal 3

Foster Compatibility of the Built and Natural Systems

- *Use and Manage Land in a Manner Compatible with Ecosystem Restoration*
- *Maintain or Improve Flood Protection in a Manner Compatible with Ecosystem Restoration*
- *Provide Sufficient Water Resources for Built and Natural Systems*

County specific information

- Land Acquisition Data input, etc



Questions

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